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R 180850Z OCT 74
FM AMEMBASSY MASERU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4432
INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE
AMEMBASSY MBABANE
AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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EO 11652: NA
TAGS: OVIP, LT
SUBJ: INVITATION TO ARTHUR ASHE TO VISIT LESOTHO

DEPT FOR AF/S

1. ACTING ON NES REPORTS THAT ARTHUR ASHE WILL PLAY IN
UPCOMING SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT NOV 14-26
AT ELLIS PARK, YOHANNESBURG, LESOTHO TENNIS EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO FORWARD INVITATION TO
ASHE TO VISIT LESOTHO WHILE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. COMMITTEE
MADE LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO INVITE ASHE WHEN HE LAST PLAYED
IN JOHANNESBURG. ASHE INDICATED SOME INTEREST BUT SCHEDULE
DID NOT PERMIT LESOTHO VISIT. COMMITTEE HOPES TO GET
REQUEST IN EARLY THIS TIME.

2. EMBASSY WILL MUCH APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPARTMENT
CAN DO TO PASS THIS INVITATION TO ASHE.
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